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Starting this month, the ***Economic Summary*** *will be dated with the month of issue rather than the data month. Please note this change. Also, look for new information on hours and wages and bureau divisional statistics.*

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Change from: Oct. 1991*	*Change from: Nov. 1990*
Civilian Labor Force	735.9	735.1	726.8	0.8	9.1
Total Employment	686.2	688.0	685.0	-1.8	1.2
Total Unemployment	49.8	47.0	41.7	2.8	8.1
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.4	5.7	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	783.5	779.2	770.4	4.3	13.1
Total Employment	703.4	706.8	701.7	-3.4	1.7
Total Unemployment	80.2	72.5	68.8	7.7	11.4
Unemployment Rate	10.2	9.3	8.9	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia contracted by 1,800 between October and November. There were 686,200 state residents who held jobs in November 1991, 1,200 more than a year ago. Employment growth has become sluggish compared with the recent trend of year-over-year improvements, reflecting the impact of the national recession.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs stood at 635,400 in mid-November, 500 more than a month earlier. A loss of 1,500 for the goods-producing industries was entirely the result of a seasonal decline in construction. Within durable goods manufacturing, primary metals expanded by 300 because of a recall after an equipment repair, and the electronic equipment industry added 100 as well. This advance was countered by losses of 300 elsewhere in durable goods, however, and with no change for any of the nondurable goods sectors, manufacturing overall was recorded at +100. Mining slid a negligible 100. Trade experienced seasonal gains of 1,300 among general merchandise stores and 400 in apparel and accessory businesses. Government continued to expand, largely as a result of ongoing State education increases in student workers. The usual autumn downturn in travel and recreation spending caused an employment decline of 500 in restaurants within trade, and losses of 300 in hotels and 400 in amusements within services.

Compared with November of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,400. The strength lies among the service-producing industries, particularly health services, social services, and public higher education services. The mining and durable goods manufacturing sectors have endured declines over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased by 2,800 during November, to a level of 49,800 statewide. The rate of unemployment rose to 6.8 percent for November, up from 6.4 percent in October. A seasonal increase is common for this time of year. The lower rate of 5.7 in November of last year indicates that the effects of the national recession are still being felt in West Virginia.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Nov. 1991	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	41.2	40.4	41.0
Seasonally Adjusted	41.1	40.4	40.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,596	2,551	2,643
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$496.46	$475.10	$477.24
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	46.3	46.2	43.8
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$885.26	$841.76	$794.97
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,961	15,282	13,678
Seasonally Adjusted	14,175	13,957	13,888
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,140	1,103	1,099
Seasonally Adjusted	1,226	1,171	1,182
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	7,492	6,880	4,849
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,2[illegible]	1,246	1,281
Seasonally Adjusted	1,[illegible]7	1,316	1,222
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,121	2,002	2,220
Seasonally Adjusted	2,219	2,418	2,323
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.3	2.7	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	3.7	3.0
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	7.6	6.4

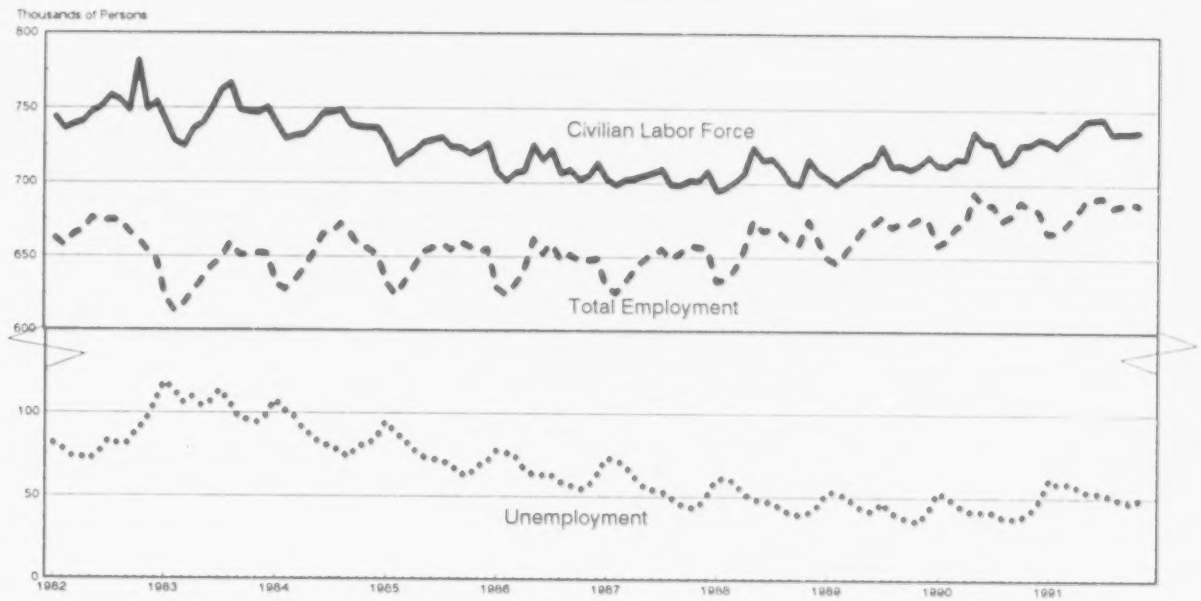
NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

Selected National Data

	Nov. 1991	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.6	6.4	[illegible]
Seasonally Unadjusted	6.8	6.8	[illegible]
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.8	137.4	133.8
1967 Base	412.7	411.5	400.7
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	122.3	122.9
Inital Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	416.9	389.1	430.2
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.9	2.5	2.3
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.1	2.7

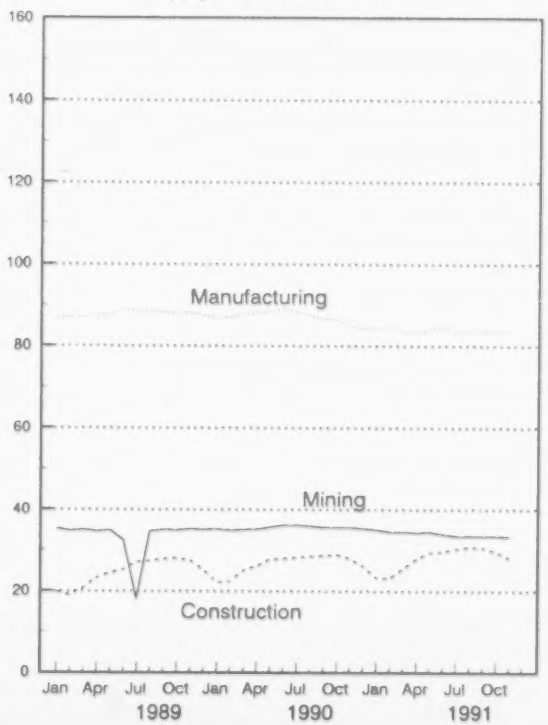
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



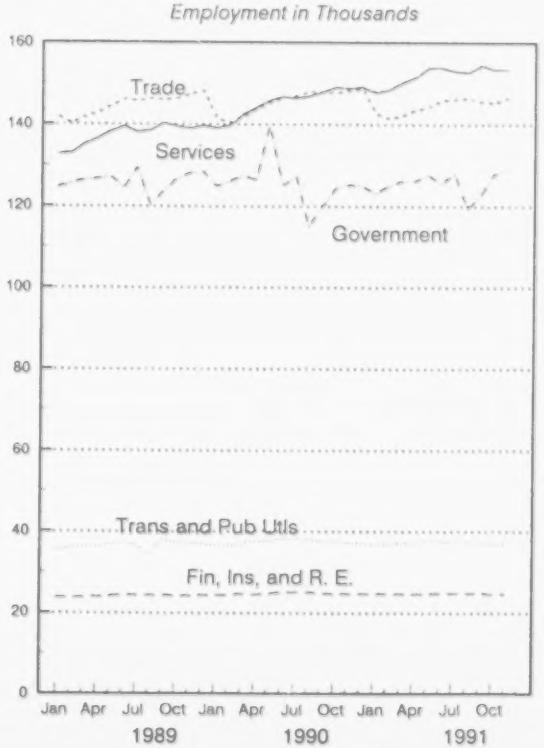
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'91	Revised Oct.'91	Revised Nov.'90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	635.4	634.9	632.0	0.5	3.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	506.5	507.1	506.8	-0.6	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	144.9	146.4	148.0	-1.5	-3.1
Mining	33.3	33.4	35.5	-0.1	-2.2
Coal Mining	27.8	27.9	29.7	-0.1	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.8	0.0	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	28.1	29.6	27.9	-1.5	0.2
General Building Contractors	6.6	7.1	7.2	-0.5	-0.6
Heavy Construction	8.2	8.9	8.4	-0.7	-0.2
Special Trade Contractors	13.3	13.6	12.3	-0.3	1.0
Manufacturing	83.5	83.4	84.6	0.1	-1.1
Durable Goods	45.6	45.5	47.2	0.1	-1.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.4	7.5	7.7	-0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.4	13.1	13.2	0.3	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	4.9	5.7	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.2
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	2.6	0.0	-0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	37.9	37.9	37.4	0.0	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.3	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.5	488.5	484.0	2.0	6.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.1	37.2	37.2	-0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.4	9.4	9.3	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.4	12.4	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	146.4	145.4	148.2	1.0	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	30.0	30.1	30.2	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	116.4	115.3	118.0	1.1	-1.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	17.7	16.4	17.7	1.3	0.0
Food Stores	22.8	22.8	23.2	0.0	-0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.2	14.3	14.9	-0.1	-0.7
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.0	6.2	0.4	-0.8
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	35.5	35.0	-0.5	0.0
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	11.9	11.6	0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.7	24.6	0.0	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Services	153.4	153.4	148.8	0.0	4.6
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.2	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.4	8.7	8.4	-0.3	0.0
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2
Business Services	14.2	14.3	14.4	-0.1	-0.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.5	5.9	5.4	-0.4	0.1
Health Services	58.2	58.1	56.4	0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.7	10.7	10.5	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	29.2	29.1	28.2	0.1	1.0
Other Health Services	18.3	18.3	17.7	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	-0.1
Social Services	12.6	12.1	9.9	0.5	2.7
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.4	8.5	8.5	-0.1	-0.1
Government	128.9	127.8	125.2	1.1	3.7
Federal	17.0	17.0	14.7	0.0	2.3
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	6.8	0.0	1.9
State	41.1	40.1	39.6	1.0	1.5
Hospitals	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Education	19.7	18.6	18.5	1.1	1.2
Other State	19.0	19.0	18.5	0.0	0.5
Local	70.8	70.7	70.9	0.1	-0.1
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Education	45.2	44.9	45.4	0.3	-0.2
Other Local	20.6	20.8	20.5	-0.2	0.1
Labor Management Dispute Status	1.9	1.8	2.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			*Average Weekly Hours*			*Average Hourly Earnings*		
	Nov.'91	*Oct.'91*	*Nov.'90*	*Nov.'91*	*Oct.'91*	*Nov.'90*	*Nov.'91*	*Oct.'91*	*Nov.'90*
PRIVATE SECTOR	$364.19	$361.58	$352.44	35.6	35.8	36.0	$10.23	$10.10	$9.79
Coal Mining	885.26	841.76	794.97	46.3	46.2	43.8	19.12	18.22	18.15
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.94	471.95	418.37	42.8	43.1	43.9	11.12	10.95	9.53
Construction	518.40	558.05	511.48	36.1	38.7	38.0	14.36	14.42	13.46
Manufacturing	496.46	475.10	477.24	41.2	40.4	41.0	12.05	11.76	11.6
Durable Goods	502.15	478.63	480.05	41.5	40.7	41.1	12.10	11.76	11.68
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.03	304.03	297.02	40.6	40.7	40.8	7.71	7.47	7.28
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	482.16	450.70	462.79	41.0	39.5	41.1	11.76	11.41	11.26
Primary Metals Industries	647.28	633.24	665.28	42.5	42.7	44.0	15.23	14.83	15.12
Fabricated Metal Products	471.58	425.24	402.70	40.1	37.9	37.6	11.76	11.22	10.71
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	523.33	500.60	454.31	41.6	41.1	39.3	12.58	12.18	11.56
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	582.80	559.21	507.67	44.9	42.3	40.1	12.98	13.22	12.66
Transportation Equipment	530.40	493.11	512.21	44.2	42.4	40.3	12.00	11.63	12.71
Nondurable Goods	489.19	470.40	472.46	40.8	40.0	40.8	11.99	11.76	11.58
Food & Kindred Products	385.45	372.24	373.82	38.7	38.1	39.6	9.96	9.77	9.44
Textile Mill Products	272.31	225.69	234.10	38.3	32.9	37.1	7.11	6.86	6.31
Apparel & Other Textile Products	215.76	200.79	202.53	37.2	34.5	35.1	5.80	5.82	5.77
Paper & Allied Products	349.02	321.17	384.50	41.6	39.7	43.3	8.39	8.09	8.88
Printing & Publishing	352.61	346.89	386.71	37.0	37.1	39.3	9.53	9.35	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	766.54	733.70	700.21	45.6	45.6	43.9	16.81	16.09	15.95
Trucking & Warehousing	428.02	439.72	421.28	44.4	45.9	42.9	9.64	9.58	9.82
Communications	499.14	496.65	515.22	37.9	38.5	39.3	13.17	12.90	13.11
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	667.73	653.98	632.16	43.5	42.8	42.8	15.35	15.28	14.77
Trade	237.43	236.38	225.14	31.7	31.9	31.8	7.49	7.41	7.08
Wholesale Trade	462.03	452.64	424.20	40.6	41.0	40.4	11.38	11.04	10.50
Retail Trade	183.22	183.55	177.01	29.6	29.7	29.7	6.19	6.18	5.96
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	255.42	264.32	259.52	38.7	39.1	39.5	6.60	6.76	6.57
General Merchandise Stores	198.47	199.56	192.07	30.3	30.1	30.2	6.55	6.63	6.36
Food Stores	183.95	184.11	178.02	28.3	28.5	28.9	6.50	6.46	6.16
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	268.58	268.56	277.84	36.1	36.0	36.8	7.44	7.46	7.55
Apparel & Accessory Stores	146.92	142.26	139.00	28.2	27.2	27.8	5.21	5.23	5.00
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	291.69	288.46	271.61	36.1	35.7	34.6	8.08	8.08	7.85
Eating & Drinking Places	121.64	125.19	116.74	25.5	26.3	26.0	4.77	4.76	4.49
Miscellaneous Retail	195.23	187.03	168.49	30.6	29.5	28.9	6.38	6.34	5.83
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	310.23	304.20	297.93	36.2	36.0	36.2	8.57	8.45	8.23
Finance	257.04	253.47	240.04	35.7	35.5	35.3	7.20	7.14	6.80
Insurance	463.98	450.45	448.02	38.0	38.5	38.0	12.21	11.70	11.79
Real Estate	297.14	291.83	305.99	35.8	34.7	37.0	8.30	8.41	8.27
Services	279.88	282.41	277.04	33.2	33.5	34.5	8.43	8.43	8.03
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	218.02	275.37	245.81	28.8	32.9	31.8	7.57	8.37	7.73
Personal Services	234.23	223.11	229.50	33.8	33.5	33.7	6.93	6.66	6.81
Business Services	243.53	229.13	247.74	34.3	32.5	34.6	7.10	7.05	7.16
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	314.63	340.86	337.12	36.5	39.0	39.2	8.62	8.74	8.60
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	166.74	168.56	147.17	26.3	27.1	25.2	6.34	6.22	5.84
Health Services	323.46	324.69	306.01	36.1	36.4	36.3	8.96	8.92	8.43
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	193.91	189.57	185.85	34.2	33.2	34.1	5.67	5.71	5.45
Hospitals	391.17	392.03	362.52	38.2	38.7	38.2	10.24	10.13	9.49
Other Health Services	288.47	293.94	282.98	33.7	34.5	34.3	8.56	8.52	8.25
Legal Services	410.19	404.52	403.45	38.3	37.7	37.6	10.71	10.73	10.73
Social Services	178.51	178.57	191.27	28.2	28.3	32.2	6.33	6.31	5.94
Engineering & Management Services	420.62	417.24	381.19	36.8	36.6	36.2	11.[illegible]	11.40	10.53

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'91	Revised Oct.'91	Revised Nov.'90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	286.5	285.0	277.7	1.5	8.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	217.7	216.5	212.4	1.2	5.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.3	24.3	24.3	0.0	0.0
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.0	20.0	20.1	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.4	7.5	7.8	-0.1	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.6	12.5	12.3	0.1	0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	262.2	260.7	253.4	1.5	8.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.3	8.0	0.0	0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	69.7	68.6	69.1	1.1	0.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.1	5.7	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	63.5	62.5	63.4	1.0	0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	12.5	11.5	11.8	1.0	0.7
Food Stores	12.2	12.2	12.1	0.0	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.5	4.2	5.1	0.3	-0.6
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.4	20.7	20.1	-0.3	0.3
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.9	8.5	0.0	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.3	15.2	0.0	0.1
Finance	11.0	11.0	10.8	0.0	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.0	-0.2
Services	100.1	100.0	95.8	0.1	4.3
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.6	4.8	4.7	-0.2	-0.1
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	0.3
Business Services	7.4	7.5	6.9	-0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	47.8	47.7	46.4	0.1	1.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.6	9.6	9.2	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	24.0	24.0	23.4	0.0	0.6
Other Health Services	14.2	14.1	13.8	0.1	0.4
Legal Services	3.4	3.5	3.3	-0.1	0.1
Educational Services	3.4	3.3	3.7	0.1	-0.3
Social Services	9.0	8.8	7.1	0.2	1.9
Membership Organizations	12.1	11.9	11.7	0.2	0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Government	68.8	68.5	65.3	0.3	3.5
Federal	7.2	7.3	6.1	-0.1	1.1
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.0	4.1	3.2	-0.1	0.8
State	20.4	19.7	18.8	0.7	1.6
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	11.0	10.2	9.6	0.8	1.4
Other State	7.7	7.8	7.4	-0.1	0.3
Local	41.2	41.5	40.4	-0.3	0.8
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	30.0	30.1	29.2	-0.1	0.8
Other Local	7.0	7.2	7.1	-0.2	-0.1

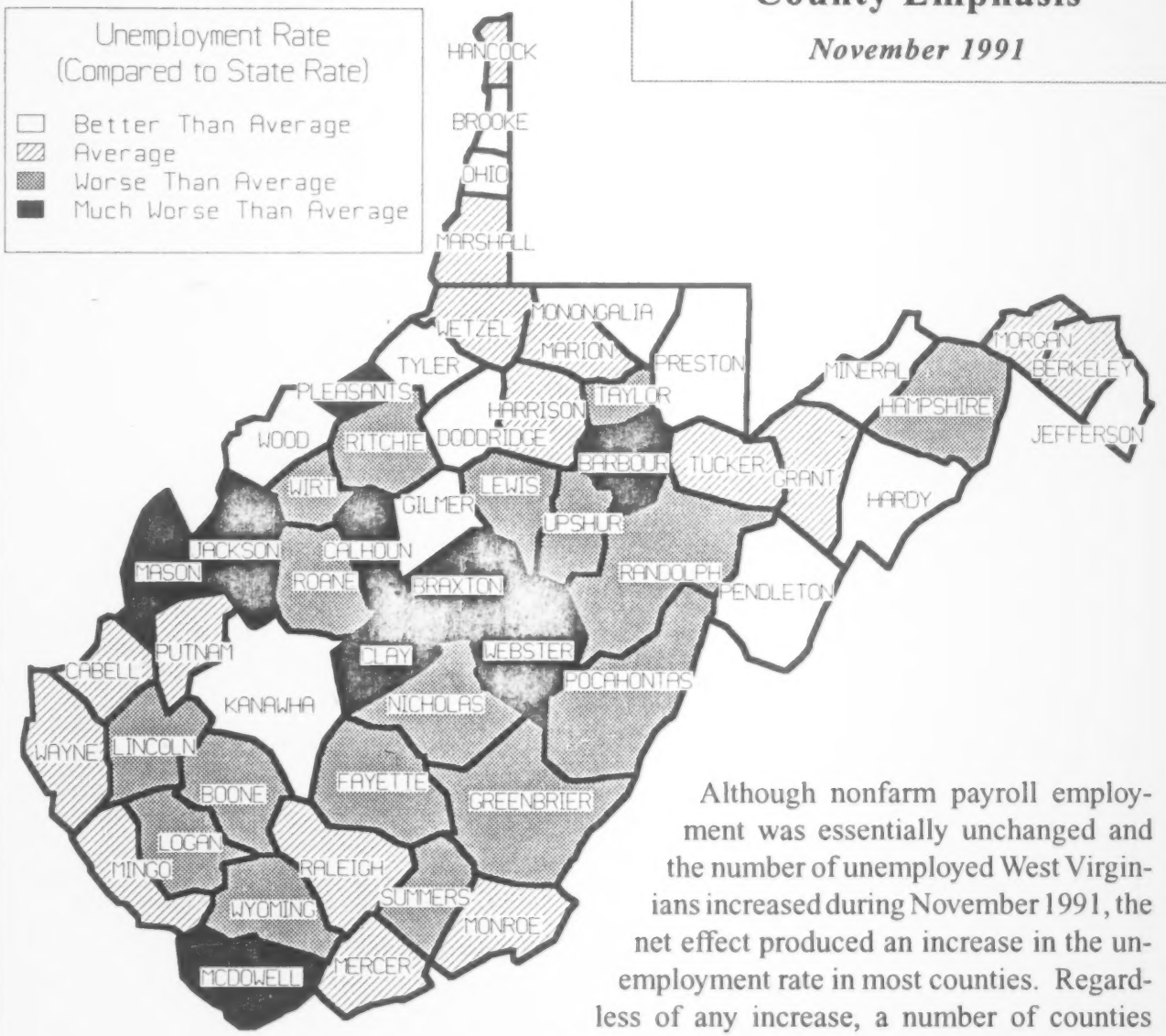
Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series November 1991

West Virginia's Partnership for Progress areas typically are tracking seasonal trends by posting higher unemployment rates during November 1991. The lone exception is in Area 6, where a decline was recorded in the West Virginia series labor force statistics. Although Area 6 generally leads all other areas with the highest unemployment rate, it has registered a continuous decline for the past three months. The lowest unemployment rates were noted in Area 7 (5.3) followed closely by Area 4 (5.7) and Area 1 (5.7).

County Emphasis

November 1991



Although nonfarm payroll employment was essentially unchanged and the number of unemployed West Virginians increased during November 1991, the net effect produced an increase in the unemployment rate in most counties. Regardless of any increase, a number of counties continued to maintain a rate that is considered better than average when compared to the state rate. Included in this group are Preston (5.7), Wood (5.6), Brooke (5.5), Tyler (5.4), Jefferson (5.3), Mineral (5.1), Gilmer (4.9), Hardy (4.8), Doddridge (4.6), Kanawha (4.6), Ohio (4.4), Monongalia (3.4), and Pendleton (3.2).

Double-digit unemployment rates for several counties may generally be attributed to a normal seasonal rise in unemployment as well as the effects of a national recession that lingers. Counties with rates considered much worse than average include Pleasants (10.9), Mason (11.5), Webster (13.0), Clay (13.0), McDowell (13.1), Barbour (13.1), Braxton (13.5), and Calhoun (13.7). Within this group, improvements were recorded in McDowell (-0.5), Barbour (-1.6), and Calhoun (-0.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

November 1991

(Revised October 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,060	(5,050)	4,390	(4,310)	660	(740)	13.1	(14.7)
Berkeley	29,160	(28,940)	27,440	(27,250)	1,720	(1,700)	5.9	(5.9)
Boone	7,950	(8,180)	7,260	(7,330)	690	(860)	8.6	(10.4)
Braxton	5,050	(5,050)	4,370	(4,420)	680	(630)	13.5	(12.4)
Brooke	9,850	(10,090)	9,300	(9,450)	550	(640)	5.5	(6.3)
Cabell	42,950	(43,130)	40,230	(40,450)	2,710	(2,680)	6.3	(6.2)
Calhoun	2,710	(2,780)	2,340	(2,380)	370	(390)	13.7	(14.1)
Clay	2,960	(2,940)	2,570	(2,650)	380	(290)	13.0	(9.8)
Doddridge	2,220	(2,230)	2,120	(2,140)	100	(100)	4.6	(4.3)
Fayette	16,690	(16,580)	15,110	(15,190)	1,570	(1,390)	9.4	(8.4)
Gilmer	3,370	(3,180)	3,200	(2,960)	160	(220)	4.9	(7.0)
Grant	4,700	(4,760)	4,410	(4,490)	290	(270)	6.1	(5.7)
Greenbrier	14,890	(14,850)	13,540	(13,630)	1,350	(1,220)	9.1	(8.2)
Hampshire	7,510	(7,220)	6,890	(6,780)	620	(450)	8.3	(6.2)
Hancock	13,280	(13,580)	12,460	(12,660)	820	(920)	6.2	(6.8)
Hardy	6,110	(6,010)	5,820	(5,680)	290	(330)	4.8	(5.5)
Harrison	27,940	(28,090)	25,990	(26,180)	1,950	(1,910)	7.0	(6.8)
Jackson	10,650	(9,920)	9,350	(9,300)	1,310	(630)	12.3	(6.3)
Jefferson	19,940	(19,980)	18,880	(18,780)	1,060	(1,190)	5.3	(6.0)
Kanawha	96,210	(97,050)	91,810	(92,570)	4,400	(4,480)	4.6	(4.6)
Lewis	7,340	(7,200)	6,630	(6,740)	710	(460)	9.6	(6.4)
Lincoln	7,290	(7,370)	6,600	(6,660)	690	(710)	9.5	(9.6)
Logan	13,130	(13,350)	12,070	(12,130)	1,060	(1,210)	8.1	(9.1)
McDowell	6,210	(6,300)	5,400	(5,440)	810	(860)	13.1	(13.6)
Marion	22,550	(22,390)	20,830	(20,810)	1,720	(1,580)	7.6	(7.0)
Marshall	14,560	(14,340)	13,480	(13,420)	1,090	(920)	7.5	(6.4)
Mason	9,980	(9,760)	8,830	(8,870)	1,150	(890)	11.5	(9.1)
Mercer	26,110	(26,070)	24,530	(24,510)	1,580	(1,560)	6.0	(6.0)
Mineral	10,330	(10,310)	9,810	(9,890)	530	(420)	5.1	(4.0)
Mingo	10,750	(10,780)	9,910	(9,910)	840	(870)	7.8	(8.1)
Monongalia	41,860	(41,820)	40,430	(40,560)	1,430	(1,260)	3.4	(3.0)
Monroe	5,070	(5,180)	4,770	(4,800)	300	(380)	5.8	(7.3)
Morgan	5,130	(5,030)	4,830	(4,800)	300	(230)	5.8	(4.5)
Nicholas	8,850	(8,870)	7,900	(7,920)	950	(960)	10.8	(10.8)
Ohio	23,890	(23,700)	22,830	(22,730)	1,060	(970)	4.4	(4.1)
Pendleton	4,060	(3,970)	3,930	(3,860)	130	(110)	3.2	(2.8)
Pleasants	2,160	(2,120)	1,920	(1,930)	240	(190)	10.9	(8.9)
Pocahontas	4,620	(4,430)	4,240	(4,120)	380	(320)	8.2	(7.2)
Preston	13,360	(13,260)	12,600	(12,640)	760	(620)	5.7	(4.7)
Putnam	16,470	(16,570)	15,400	(15,530)	1,070	(1,040)	6.5	(6.3)
Raleigh	27,220	(27,360)	25,140	(25,350)	2,080	(2,010)	7.6	(7.4)
Randolph	11,460	(11,230)	10,480	(10,410)	980	(830)	8.6	(7.4)
Ritchie	5,320	(5,190)	4,890	(4,900)	440	(290)	8.2	(5.7)
Roane	4,790	(4,870)	4,330	(4,330)	470	(550)	9.7	(11.2)
Summers	4,180	(4,180)	3,850	(3,870)	340	(320)	8.0	(7.5)
Taylor	5,540	(5,530)	5,090	(5,130)	450	(400)	8.1	(7.3)
Tucker	3,520	(3,500)	3,260	(3,290)	270	(210)	7.5	(6.0)
Tyler	4,750	(4,630)	4,500	(4,470)	260	(160)	5.4	(3.4)
Upshur	8,890	(8,810)	8,110	(8,090)	780	(720)	8.8	(8.2)
Wayne	15,600	(15,810)	14,430	(14,510)	1,160	(1,300)	7.5	(8.2)
Webster	2,980	(2,930)	2,590	(2,600)	390	(330)	13.0	(11.3)
Wetzel	9,350	(9,180)	8,790	(8,750)	560	(430)	5.9	(4.7)
Wirt	2,160	(2,170)	1,960	(1,950)	200	(220)	9.1	(10.1)
Wood	40,610	(40,580)	38,320	(38,500)	2,290	(2,080)	5.6	(5.1)
Wyoming	6,690	(6,680)	6,030	(6,060)	660	(620)	9.9	(9.2)
Statewide	735,900	(735,100)	686,200	(688,000)	49,800	(47,000)	6.8	(6.4)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

November 1991

(Revised October 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,570	(5,570)	4,500	(4,430)	1,070	(1,140)	19.2	(20.5)
Berkeley	30,890	(30,600)	28,130	(27,990)	2,770	(2,610)	9.0	(8.5)
Boone	8,550	(8,850)	7,450	(7,530)	1,110	(1,320)	12.9	(14.9)
Braxton	5,580	(5,510)	4,480	(4,540)	1,100	(970)	19.7	(17.6)
Brooke	10,410	(10,690)	9,530	(9,710)	880	(980)	8.4	(9.2)
Cabell	45,610	(45,680)	41,240	(41,550)	4,370	(4,130)	9.6	(9.0)
Calhoun	3,000	(3,050)	2,400	(2,450)	600	(600)	20.0	(19.8)
Clay	3,260	(3,170)	2,640	(2,720)	620	(440)	19.0	(14.0)
Doddridge	2,340	(2,350)	2,170	(2,200)	170	(150)	7.1	(6.4)
Fayette	18,020	(17,740)	15,490	(15,600)	2,530	(2,150)	14.0	(12.1)
Gilmer	3,550	(3,380)	3,280	(3,040)	260	(340)	7.4	(10.1)
Grant	4,990	(5,030)	4,530	(4,610)	460	(420)	9.2	(8.3)
Greenbrier	16,060	(15,880)	13,880	(14,000)	2,180	(1,880)	13.6	(11.9)
Hampshire	8,060	(7,650)	7,060	(6,960)	1,000	(690)	12.4	(9.0)
Hancock	14,090	(14,430)	12,770	(13,000)	1,320	(1,420)	9.4	(9.9)
Hardy	6,440	(6,340)	5,970	(5,840)	470	(510)	7.3	(8.0)
Harrison	29,780	(29,830)	26,640	(26,900)	3,150	(2,940)	10.6	(9.8)
Jackson	11,680	(10,520)	9,580	(9,550)	2,100	(970)	18.0	(9.2)
Jefferson	21,050	(21,130)	19,350	(19,290)	1,710	(1,840)	8.1	(8.7)
Kanawha	101,200	(102,000)	94,110	(95,090)	7,080	(6,910)	7.0	(6.8)
Lewis	7,940	(7,640)	6,800	(6,930)	1,140	(710)	14.4	(9.3)
Lincoln	7,880	(7,930)	6,760	(6,840)	1,120	(1,090)	14.2	(13.8)
Logan	14,090	(14,330)	12,370	(12,460)	1,710	(1,870)	12.2	(13.0)
McDowell	6,840	(6,910)	5,530	(5,590)	1,310	(1,320)	19.1	(19.2)
Marion	24,120	(23,810)	21,350	(21,380)	2,770	(2,430)	11.5	(10.2)
Marshall	15,570	(15,200)	13,810	(13,780)	1,750	(1,420)	11.3	(9.3)
Mason	10,900	(10,480)	9,050	(9,110)	1,850	(1,360)	16.9	(13.0)
Mercer	27,690	(27,580)	25,150	(25,170)	2,540	(2,410)	9.2	(8.7)
Mineral	10,900	(10,800)	10,050	(10,160)	850	(640)	7.8	(5.9)
Mingo	11,510	(11,520)	10,160	(10,180)	1,350	(1,340)	11.7	(11.6)
Monongalia	43,750	(43,600)	41,450	(41,670)	2,300	(1,940)	5.3	(4.4)
Monroe	5,370	(5,510)	4,890	(4,930)	480	(580)	8.9	(10.5)
Morgan	5,430	(5,280)	4,950	(4,930)	480	(350)	8.9	(6.6)
Nicholas	9,630	(9,600)	8,100	(8,130)	1,540	(1,470)	16.0	(15.3)
Ohio	25,100	(24,850)	23,400	(23,350)	1,700	(1,490)	6.8	(6.0)
Pendleton	4,240	(4,130)	4,030	(3,960)	210	(170)	5.0	(4.1)
Pleasants	2,350	(2,270)	1,970	(1,980)	380	(290)	16.1	(12.8)
Pocahontas	4,960	(4,720)	4,350	(4,230)	610	(490)	12.3	(10.4)
Preston	14,140	(13,930)	12,910	(12,980)	1,230	(950)	8.7	(6.8)
Putnam	17,500	(17,560)	15,790	(15,950)	1,720	(1,610)	9.8	(9.1)
Raleigh	29,110	(29,140)	25,770	(26,040)	3,350	(3,100)	11.5	(10.6)
Randolph	12,320	(11,970)	10,740	(10,690)	1,580	(1,280)	12.8	(10.7)
Ritchie	5,710	(5,480)	5,010	(5,030)	710	(450)	12.4	(8.3)
Roane	5,180	(5,290)	4,440	(4,440)	750	(840)	14.4	(15.9)
Summers	4,480	(4,460)	3,940	(3,970)	540	(490)	12.0	(10.9)
Taylor	5,940	(5,890)	5,220	(5,270)	720	(620)	12.1	(10.5)
Tucker	3,760	(3,710)	3,340	(3,380)	430	(320)	11.3	(8.7)
Tyler	5,020	(4,840)	4,610	(4,600)	410	(240)	8.2	(5.0)
Upshur	9,570	(9,420)	8,310	(8,310)	1,260	(1,110)	13.2	(11.8)
Wayne	16,670	(16,910)	14,800	(14,910)	1,880	(2,000)	11.2	(11.8)
Webster	3,280	(3,180)	2,660	(2,670)	630	(510)	19.0	(16.1)
Wetzel	9,900	(9,650)	9,010	(8,980)	890	(660)	9.0	(6.9)
Wirt	2,330	(2,340)	2,010	(2,000)	320	(340)	13.6	(14.5)
Wood	42,970	(42,760)	39,280	(39,550)	3,690	(3,210)	8.6	(7.5)
Wyoming	7,240	(7,180)	6,180	(6,230)	1,070	(950)	14.7	(13.2)
Statewide	783,500	(779,200)	703,400	(706,800)	80,200	(72,500)	10.2	(9.3)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.7	113.6	113.6
Employment	107.2	108.1	108.8
Unemployment	5.5	5.5	4.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	4.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.1	127.2	127.1
Employment	119.9	120.0	121.5
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.6
Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	4.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.7	69.5	69.3
Employment	66.3	66.4	66.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.1	3.0
Rate (%)	4.9	4.4	4.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.2	68.0	68.2
Employment	65.7	65.2	65.6
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.6
Rate (%)	5.0	4.2	3.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.7	35.9	36.0
Employment	33.2	33.5	33.8
Unemployment	2.5	2.4	2.3
Rate (%)	7.0	6.7	6.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	11.8	11.9
Employment	10.5	10.5	10.7
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.2
Rate (%)	11.3	10.9	10.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.2	55.1	51.3
Employment	53.0	53.2	49.6
Unemployment	2.2	1.9	1.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.4	3.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.1	13.8	14.3
Employment	13.3	13.2	13.4
Unemployment	0.8	0.6	0.9
Rate (%)	5.8	4.3	6.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.0	19.8
Employment	18.3	18.4	18.4
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	118.7	119.6	119.4
Employment	109.9	111.0	111.4
Unemployment	8.8	8.5	8.0
Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.6	132.3	132.3
Employment	120.3	120.3	123.5
Unemployment	12.3	12.0	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.1	6.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.3	72.7	72.8
Employment	67.9	67.9	68.0
Unemployment	5.3	4.7	4.8
Rate (%)	7.3	6.5	6.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.6	71.1	71.4
Employment	67.3	66.7	67.3
Unemployment	5.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	7.4	6.3	5.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.1	38.1	38.3
Employment	34.0	34.4	34.6
Unemployment	4.0	3.7	3.7
Rate (%)	10.6	9.7	9.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	12.8	13.0
Employment	10.8	10.8	11.0
Unemployment	2.2	2.0	2.0
Rate (%)	16.7	15.5	15.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	57.9	57.5	53.6
Employment	54.4	54.6	50.8
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.8
Rate (%)	6.1	5.0	5.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.5	15.2
Employment	13.6	13.6	13.7
Unemployment	1.3	0.9	1.5
Rate (%)	8.8	6.3	10.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.4	21.4	21.2
Employment	18.8	18.9	18.9
Unemployment	2.7	2.5	2.3
Rate (%)	12.4	11.5	11.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment remained unchanged during November 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector fell by 200 over the month, while service-producing industries advanced by 200 jobs. Construction employment declined seasonally (-200) among the goods-producing industries with retail trade increasing by 300 in the service-producing sector. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a slight increase (+200) during the period. However, the November 1990 total nonfarm figure does not include 400 workers involved in a labor-management dispute. As a result of this situation, the total figure actually declined by 200 over the year. The most notable loss occurred in retail trade, which fell by 600 jobs. This event reflects the closure by a local retailer in 1990. On the plus side, health services employment increased by 600 over the year, with total services up by 800 jobs overall.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment was unchanged during November 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate declined slightly to 4.8 percent of the MSA labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures indicates unemployment up by 600, with the unemployment rate increasing from 4.3 percent to the current 4.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	112.7	113.6	113.6
Employment	107.2	108.1	108.8
Unemployment	5.5	5.5	4.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct.'91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	118.7	119.6	119.4
Employment	109.9	111.0	111.4
Unemployment	8.8	8.5	8.0
Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Change From: Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.7	113.7	113.5	0.0	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	94.0	94.0	93.7	0.0	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.5	18.1	-0.2	0.2
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.0	0.2
Construction	5.2	5.4	5.4	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.4	95.2	95.4	0.2	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.5	29.2	30.1	0.3	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.3	22.0	22.9	0.3	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Services	30.5	30.6	29.7	-0.1	0.8
Health Services	11.3	11.3	10.7	0.0	0.6
Government	19.7	19.7	19.8	0.0	-0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0
Local	8.5	8.5	8.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Manufacturing	$623.57	$610.18	$573.78	44.1	44.8	43.6	$14.14	$13.62	$13.16
Nondurable Goods	686.54	662.19	609.90	45.8	46.6	44.1	14.99	14.21	13.83
Chemicals & Allied Products	780.00	746.32	687.96	48.0	49.1	45.5	16.25	15.20	15.12

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA increased by 200 in November 1991. The goods-producing sector decreased by 300 during November, as manufacturing (-200) and construction (-100) both declined. The decrease in manufacturing occurred in the durable goods industries namely stone, clay and glass, and in primary and fabricated metals. The service-producing industries advanced by 500 jobs in November, as trade gained 400, while total government (+200) and services (+100) both advanced. Transportation and public utilities posted the only decline (-200) in the service-producing sector. Comparison with year ago November 1990 data reveals a decline of 1,200 jobs over the year. These losses were primarily in both sectors of total manufacturing (-1,300). Transportation and public utilities also declined (-700) over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA in November 1991 was unchanged from October's level of 7,200. The unemployment rate remained unchanged, as well, holding at 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Unemployment was up 1,600 over the year, as reflected in the unemployment rate which increased from 4.4 percent to the current 5.7 percent in November 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Labor Force	127.1	127.2	127.1
Employment	119.9	120.0	121.5
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.6
Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	4.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Labor Force	132.6	132.3	132.3
Employment	120.3	120.3	123.5
Unemployment	12.3	12.0	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.1	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.5	111.3	112.7	0.2	-1.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.7	91.7	93.2	0.0	-1.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.9	26.2	27.1	-0.3	-1.2
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	19.6	20.7	-0.2	-1.3
Durable Goods	11.3	11.5	12.3	-0.2	-1.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.4	7.9	-0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.4	0.0	-0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.6	85.1	85.6	0.5	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.4	7.6	8.1	-0.2	-0.7
Trade	29.1	28.7	29.0	0.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.5	5.7	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	23.5	23.2	23.3	0.3	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	25.4	25.3	25.2	0.1	0.2
Health Services	10.7	10.6	10.6	0.1	0.1
Government	19.8	19.6	19.5	0.2	0.3
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.2	0.1
Local	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Manufacturing	$564.98	$554.02	$587.24	41.0	39.8	42.4	$13.78	$13.92	$13.85
Durable Goods	601.52	607.05	603.64	41.2	41.1	42.6	14.60	14.77	14.17
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	539.09	526.67	560.77	43.3	41.7	44.4	12.45	12.63	12.63
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	676.87	690.55	659.29	40.8	41.4	42.1	16.59	16.68	15.66
[illegible]	512.45	474.01	560.70	40.8	37.8	42.0	12.56	12.54	13.35

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA increased 300 during November 1991. Goods-producing employment remained unchanged for the month, while service-producing jobs gained 300. Within the service-producing sector, transportation and public utilities recorded a moderate decline (-100) whereas trade expanded (+400). A comparison to November 1990 indicates total nonfarm payroll employment gained 200 jobs. Goods producing businesses lost 500 jobs during this time period. Losses were recorded in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-300). Service-producing employment in this year-to-date comparison, gained 700 jobs. A decrease in transportation and public utilities (-100) was offset by an increase in trade (+400), services (+100), and government (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA grew by 300 during November 1991. The unemployment rate increased from 4.4 to 4.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to November 1990 the unemployment rate increased from 4.4 to 4.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Labor Force	69.7	69.5	69.3
Employment	66.3	66.4	66.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.1	3.0
Rate (%)	4.9	4.4	4.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Labor Force	73.3	72.7	72.8
Employment	67.9	67.9	68.0
Unemployment	5.3	4.7	4.8
Rate (%)	7.3	6.5	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	75.0	74.7	74.8	0.3	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	65.0	64.7	65.1	0.3	-0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.3	17.3	17.8	0.0	-0.5
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	14.0	14.0	14.3	0.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	6.8	6.9	7.0	-0.1	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.1	7.3	0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	5.3	5.5	0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	57.7	57.4	57.0	0.3	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.5	27.5	0.4	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	25.0	24.6	24.7	0.4	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.2	15.2	15.1	0.0	0.1
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	10.0	10.0	9.7	0.0	0.3
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Local	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Nov. '91	Revised Oct. '91	Revised Nov. '90
Manufacturing	$604.20	$577.10	$576.42	42.4	40.9	41.8	$14.25	$14.11	$13.79
Durable Goods	513.54	461.16	485.30	40.5	37.8	39.2	12.68	12.20	12.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	577.38	557.27	558.54	41.9	42.9	43.5	13.78	12.99	12.84
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	536.18	466.31	489.07	39.6	35.3	36.8	13.54	13.21	13.29

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment posted a substantial increase (+700) during November 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector had a slight increase (+200) during the month. Manufacturing increased 200 while mining and construction both remained stable with no change during the month. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 500 during the month of November. Most of this increase was reflected in trade (+300). Transportation and public utilities and services each had an increase of 100. Finance, insurance and real estate and government both remained stable with no change. Comparison with year-ago November 1990 data reveals no change over the year. The service producing sector reflected a slight increase (+200) while the goods-producing sector showed a slight decrease (-200). Mining and construction both decreased by 100 while manufacturing remained stable. Services had a substantial increase (+500) while finance, insurance and real estate increased by 100. Trade declined by 400 and transportation and public utilities and government remained unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for November showed a substantial increase (+600). The MSA unemployment rate also increased from 4.2 percent to 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago November 1990 reveals unemployment increased by 900 while the unemployment rate rose form 3.8 percent to the current 5.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	69.2	68.0	68.2
Employment	65.7	65.2	65.6
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.6
Rate (%)	5.0	4.2	3.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	72.6	71.1	71.4
Employment	67.3	66.7	67.3
Unemployment	5.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	7.4	6.3	5.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Change From: Revised Nov. '90*	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	74.5	73.8	74.5	0.7	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	65.2	64.5	65.2	0.7	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.3	11.7	0.2	-0.2
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	7.3	7.1	7.3	0.2	0.0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	63.0	62.5	62.8	0.5	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.2	3.3	0.1	0.0
Trade	29.7	29.4	30.1	0.3	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	26.9	26.6	27.3	0.3	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.6	17.5	17.1	0.1	0.5
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Local	6.7	6.8	6.7	-0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	**Average Weekly Hours** *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	**Average Hourly Earnings** *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Manufacturing	$639.57	$619.92	$561.28	44.2	43.2	41.7	$14.47	$14.35	$13.46
Nondurable Goods	666.45	649.09	613.00	45.0	43.1	41.9	14.81	15.06	14.63
Durable Goods	608.37	585.42	498.42	43.3	43.3	41.5	14.05	13.52	12.01

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL	130,535	66,664	19,305	2,412	1,605	14,810	6.8	27.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	13,497	7,162	564	161	96	225	23.9	44.5
Clerical & Sales	34,700	17,040	3,612	723	463	2,340	9.6	23.6
Services	15,499	7,500	2,828	412	202	1,836	5.5	18.2
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,062	516	51	12	10	28	20.8	43.0
Processing	6,863	4,037	468	121	87	410	14.7	33.4
Machine Trades	8,916	4,964	557	109	55	364	16.0	45.5
Benchwork	5,483	3,022	290	90	60	174	18.9	33.6
Structural Work	21,514	11,610	1,085	265	179	634	19.8	43.8
Miscellaneous	27,341	12,368	9,850	519	453	8,799	2.8	23.8
Transportation	5,936	3,222	467	92	59	246	12.7	35.0
Packaging & Materials Handling	15,942	5,861	9,047	321	303	8,378	1.8	18.3
Other	5,463	3,285	336	106	91	175	16.3	31.0
Entry Total	20	4	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990	Percent Change: Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990
Initial Claims	8,909	9,209	9,766	-3.3	-8.8
Weeks Claimed	75,389	77,931	65,440	-3.3	15.2
Benefits Paid	$9,479,745	$10,172,287	$7,196,856	-6.8	31.7
Weeks Compensated	60,402	64,811	49,549	-6.8	21.9
Average Weekly Payment	$156.94	$156.95	$145.25	0.0	8.1
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$161,896,648	$150,174,165	$156,931,747	7.8	3.2

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990	Percent Change: Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,708,450	5,803,595	5,878,419	-1.6	-2.9
Medical Benefits Paid	7,883,597	7,523,568	5,804,260	4.8	35.8
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,057,748	5,426,853	2,044,209	-25.2	98.5
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,365,686	8,159,946	5,593,858	2.5	49.6
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,668,804	1,712,003	1,362,287	-2.5	22.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	17,500	77,768	7,000	-77.5	150.0
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	245,125	(22,134)	10,641	-1207.5	2203.5
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	617,525	619,459	609,307	-0.3	1.3
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,039,324	989,267	1,019,238	5.1	2.0
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,603,758	30,290,324	22,329,220	-2.3	32.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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